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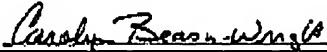
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In re Appln. of: Constantin Cope, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/813,806

Filed: March 31, 2004

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Attorney Docket No: 8627/487 (PA-5391-RFB)

Examiner: Bouchelle, Laura A.

Art Unit 3763

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P. O. Box 1450  
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**Attached is/are:**

- Amendment (13 pages including transmittal)  
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**AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
The Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.**